



October 18, 2021

The Good News!

With Pastor Clark

Given that October is Pastor Appreciation month, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Pastor Clark for being our Spiritual Leader! We appreciate that you share your heart for worship with us, teach us to pray and read scripture so that we can draw closer to God, comfort, and nurtures us, and cares about forming relationships with us. We are also grateful for Amy as she takes care of many things for worship, lovingly teaches our children, supports our mission and outreach ministries, and willingly serves wherever she is needed! As the Apostle Paul wrote in Hebrews 13:7, ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Thank you for answering God’s call on your life to lead us as we live out our mission “To make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world”!

Pastor Clark can be reached at (ccundiff@baylakeumc.org or 757-615-0732)

Spiritual Practices –Ministries

Welcome to Grace Holdren! We are so blessed to have Grace join our Worship Team as the Pianist for the 11am Service! She was the Music Director at Thalia UMC for 20 years where she played organ and piano, directed handbells and choirs, and led the children’s music programs. Grace is an accompanist for Virginia Beach schools, playing for choral concerts, music theater productions, and city-wide festivals and competitions.

Grace is passionate about the role of music in worship. She believes that music expresses our response in ways words cannot. “Music prepares the congregation to receive the spoken words of the sermon. Music encourages true worship and helps Christians to understand and remember what they have heard as they go out into the world to serve as Christ’s disciples.”

Originally from Pennsylvania, Grace moved to Virginia Beach in 1990. She and husband Bob share their home with their rescue chow, Sammy. She looks forward to getting to know the people of Baylake UMC and want you to know that she takes requests!



A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

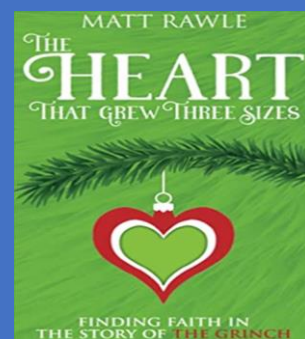
Worship

This week we will continue our journey to walk more closely with Jesus by showing kindness to the poor. Join us on Sundays at 9 am on Facebook & YouTube and in person, and 11 am in-person, with masks and social distancing if not vaccinated.



Scripture Proverbs 19:17

17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and will be repaid in full.



Join a Small Group for Advent!

As we kick off the season of Advent on November 28, 2021, you are invited to join a small group for our churchwide study! We will explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” including how did his heart grow 3 sizes, how did Christmas save the Grinch, and could it be the very thing that we hate changes our lives? Our Baylake UMC Advent Devotional, written by our congregants, will also be based on this study. More details will be available soon!

Administrative Teams

So that we can continue our ministry to those in the Shore Drive area, all our committees and teams have continued to meet via Zoom Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am to 2 pm, Wednesday 12pm to 5pm and Friday 9am to 12pm.

Church Council – Our **MISSION** is to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”! We will do this by executing our **VISION** to connect with our community by praying, asking, worshipping, and serving others (PAWS).



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MISSIONAL OUTCOMES & GOALS

Our Leadership Council has created specific and measurable goals to align with our church mission and vision. We invite our ministry leaders and congregants to help us actualize our vision to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the Shore Drive Community. Our outcomes and goals are as follows:



MISSIONAL OUTCOMES & GOALS

Missional Outcome #1 - Reach Boomers, Millennials and the Military in our community that are spiritually disconnected.

- **Goal #1 (A – asking)** – 25% (25 people) of the congregation participate in the invitational campaign and invite 1 person quarterly.

Missional Outcome #2 - Encourage and empower each other through relevant Biblical teaching, communion, prayer, fellowship, praise, and service.

- **Goal #1 (P-praying)** – Undergird Ministry in Prayer - 40% (40 people) of church congregation engaged in daily prayer practices.
- **Goal #2 (W-worshipping)** - 50% (50 people) of church congregation in a small group this year
- **Goal #3 (S-service)** – Serve in existing ministries - 40% (40 people) of church congregation to serve in at least one outreach or service ministry through active engagement

PRAY!

Prayer: Please keep in your prayers the family of Gean Longo in her death, Brenda Barnes, Nan Cook, Doris Dixon, Esther Briner, Bob DeFord, Bill Fowlkes, Martha Kornegay, Kristen Spannagal, Sherry Harrington, John Barnes, Sherry White’s son Michael and his dad Bill, Sue Rieve’s sister Caye, and Wendy Howard. If you or someone you love needs prayer, please send your prayer request to prayerbumc@aol.com.

Mission & Community Outreach Ministry Impact – Operation Christmas Child

The Missions & Community Outreach Team invites you to join in with spreading God’s love around the world in partnership with Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Project! This year, you can pack a digital or physical box. To pack a box digitally, go to [Operation Christmas Child - Baylake United Methodist \(baylakeumc.org\)](http://OperationChristmasChild-BaylakeUnitedMethodist(baylakeumc.org)) OR pick up your box, list and label at one of the tables in the Administrative Hallway or Hospitality Center. The cost to pack a box is \$25. Our goal is pack 100 boxes by November 17, 2021!



Community Outreach

Our Community Outreach and Missions Team invites everyone to join in our upcoming outreach and mission projects! On these dates, join us after the 11am worship service to pack Beach Bags and Family Food Bags for the children at Bayside Elementary School – October 24th, November 21st, December 5th & 19th. Our Global Mission Project – Operation Christmas Child – also kicks off in October with boxes being packed both physically and digitally.



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